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\$100 IN PRIZES TO THE BOYS AND GIRLS OF SPUR

For the purpose of encouraging the planting and growing of garden truck and thus utilizing back yards and waste places to the advancement of the interest of the town and country, and also to further encourage and promote the civic improvement and interests of the city, the business men of Spur are offering premiums to the extent of one hundred dollars to the boys and girls and ladies of Spur who grow the best gardens, make the greatest improvement in beautifying the home ground and have the most beautiful and attractive yards.

The following prizes are offered:

\$10.00 cash to the boy or girl growing the best all-round garden, acreage not considered.

\$6.50 cash to the boy or girl growing the second best all-round garden.

A 22-Target Rifle to the boy growing the third best garden, given by Spur Hardware Co.

One pair of shoes to the boy and one pair of shoes to the girl growing the fourth best garden, given by Sol Davis.

A pocket knife to the boy and a pair of scissors to the girl for the fifth best garden, given by Riter Hardware Company.

A 30-days season ticket to the picture show to the boy or girl growing the sixth best garden, given by the Spot Cash Grocery.

A rocking chair to the boy or girl growing the seventh best garden, given by Campbell & Campbell.

\$1.50 watch to the boy growing the eighth best garden, given by W. C. Gruben.

\$1.25 cap to the boy growing the ninth best garden, given by Hogan & Patton.

\$5.00 God Piece to the boy or girl making the best showing of beans, sweet potatoes, beets, and onions in one garden, given by the City National Bank.

\$2.50 Gold Piece to the boy growing the best peanuts and popcorn, given by Spur National Bank.

\$2.50 Gold Piece to the girl growing the best tomatoes and beans, given by Spur National Bank.

\$1.50 Watch to the boy growing the best crop of Irish potatoes, given by the Red Front Drug Store.

\$1.00 Box of candy to the girl growing the best crop of Irish potatoes, given by the Red Front Drug Store.

Any boy or girl in Spur not over fifteen years of age is eligible to enter this contest, the only requirement being that their names be registered not later than Monday, May 14th, in order that the judges of the contest will be in position to inspect the several gardens from time to time. We want every boy and every girl in Spur to enter this gardening contest, not only because it will contribute to the "family living" but because it will give each one a practical education and knowledge of how to plant, cultivate

and produce something, such knowledge being more necessary at this time than even other lines of business and industry. Aside from the educational advantages to be secured, this contest will result in direct and material benefit to each and every boy and girl, in that handsome and substantial premiums will be awarded to each one. We know that the boys and girls of Spur will be willing to devote an hour or two of their attention and work each day during school vacation to planting and cultivating a small garden for the pleasure as well as the substantial prizes and the educational benefits to be derived.

Premiums For Attractive Yards

Prizes will also be given to the ladies of Spur for the greatest improvement in the appearance of yards, and for the most beautiful and attractive yards in the city, as follows:

\$10.00 Cash for the most beautiful and attractive yard.

\$5.00 Cash for the second most beautiful and attractive yard.

\$10.00 Cash for the greatest improvement made on any yard.

\$7.50 Cash for the second greatest improvement made on any yard.

Judges will inspect the yards as well as the gardens, from time to time, and in awarding the prizes the per centage for yards will be as follows: Front yard, 50 per cent; back yard, 25 per cent; garden in back yard, 25 per cent. On gardens the per centage will be as follows: 1st, preparation and cultivation of soil, 50 per cent; 2nd, yield, 20 per cent; 3rd, variety, 20 per cent; 4th, arrangement 10 per cent.

It is the duty of every citizen to maintain beautiful home surroundings and these premiums are offered to the end that everybody in Spur will become more interested in civic attractiveness. The premiums are worth an effort to secure, and the modest rent home as well as the most imposing residence will have an equal opportunity of being awarded one of the prizes.

A meeting will be held Monday afternoon, May 14th, at one o'clock at the Gem Theatre at which time the boys and girls will be instructed as to the manner of laying out the garden grounds, how to prepare the soil, what to plant, how and when to plant and also the best methods of cultivating the gardens, by County Farm Agent G. L. Crawford who is well versed in such matters. At this meeting H. H. Williams, of Austin, the Assistant Boys' Agricultural Club Agent, will also address the boys and girls along this line. Every boy and girl especially, and the older people of the town, are invited and urged to be present at this meeting.

If the boys, girls and ladies of Spur will carry out this gardening and home beautifying campaign, and we know that they will, Spur will be recognized

NOTICE

Dr. Daly of Abilene will be in Spur May 24-25. Practice confined to diseases and surgery of the Eye, Ear and Throat, and fitting glasses. Office with Dr. Morris.

ed as a city of producers and of beautiful homes.

In addition to those above mentioned as giving the premiums in this contest, the following made up the cash premiums:

City of Spur	\$10.00
Business Mens League	10.00
S. M. Swenson & Sons	10.00
Stamford & Northwestern	
Town Site Co	5.00
Bryant-Link Co	5.00
Farmers Cash Store	2.50
Brammen Bros. Co.	1.50
Spur Drug Co.	2.00
P. H. Miller	1.00
Spur Produce Co.	1.00

SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC AT THE CROW SPRINGS

The teachers and pupils of the Presbyterian Sunday school enjoyed a picnic Wednesday. Leaving Spur Wednesday morning a number of cars of picnickers headed for Crow Springs at Dickens where the day was spent, the children enjoying various games. At twelve of the clock a picnic lunch was spread and which contributed further to the day's pleasures.

G. S. WHITE SOLD HIS RANCH INTERESTS HERE

Thursday of this week a sale was consummated whereby Mr. G. S. White sold all of his cattle and ranch interests in the Spur country to Mr. Sherman Swearingen of Clarendon. The consideration in this sale was not made public.

Mr. White, we are informed, will remove to Weatherford and Mr. Swearingen will be personally identified with his ranching interests here in the future.

FEDERAL FARM LOAN ASS'N HOLDS MEETING

At a meeting of the directors of the Federal Farm Loan Association of Dickens County, held in the directors room of the Spur National Bank Tuesday, May 8th, the Secretary-Treasurer was instructed to receive all outstanding applications up to Saturday night of May 12th, as the appraisers will begin their appraisements Monday, May 14th. After this date all handed to the Secretary-Treasurer will be held over until a sufficient amount has been obtained to justify another appraisal. All members that have not handed in their application will kindly do so at once, and thereby avoid delays in their loans.

J. B. Hardin, Sec.-Treas.

GRADUATING RECITAL

The public is cordially invited to attend the graduating recital of the class of Expression of the Spur High School Friday evening, May 18th, at 8:30 at school auditorium.

THE SPUR COUNTRY IS NOW THOROUGHLY WET

Throughout Sunday and Sunday night a slow rain fell over the entire Spur country. The total rainfall in Spur amounted to more than one half inch, .56 inches to be exact, and falling slowly as it did every bit of the rain soaked into the ground giving the entire country a fine season for planting and also greatly benefitting the wheat crops, no inconsiderable amount of the crop acreage of Dickens county having been planted to wheat.

In connection with the rain a light snow also fell, followed by a light frost.

In the north part of the county the rainfall was heavier than in Spur. At Dickens probably one inch of rain was had. At Afton and further north the amount of rainfall continued heavier. On the plains at McAdoo the rainfall amounted to one and one-fourth inches.

As a result of this rain this entire country is now in the very finest shape with respect to crop conditions and crop prospects.

PEOPLE HERE EXHIBIT A PATRIOTIC SPIRIT

Emmett Kutch, of the 24-Ranch in Kent county, was among the business visitors in Spur Tuesday. With reference to the war he stated that he was doing his "bit" in laboring to provide the outside world with choice meats and that efforts in this direction were now meeting with satisfactory results. The entire citizenship of Western Texas, including the ranchmen, farmers, merchants and other business men are exhibiting a patriotic spirit in that undivided efforts and labor is being devoted to producing and providing for home consumption and a surplus for outsiders who are not in a position to produce at this time. There is no greater country nor a greater people than Western Texas and her citizenship, and of a truth our "day is just dawning." In future years this country will become an empire within itself, and be so recognized by the outside world.

SPUR COUNTRY SUPPORTS PRODUCE CONCERNS

W. L. Grubbs, a successful farmer of Red Mud, was here Tuesday marketing the products from his poultry yard. The large quantity of chickens, eggs, butter and other farm and garden truck marketed in Spur each week is sufficient to maintain a number of produce concerns in the city. The warring situation will have a tendency to increase such sales throughout this country and in the end result in a more prosperous and more productive country and people.

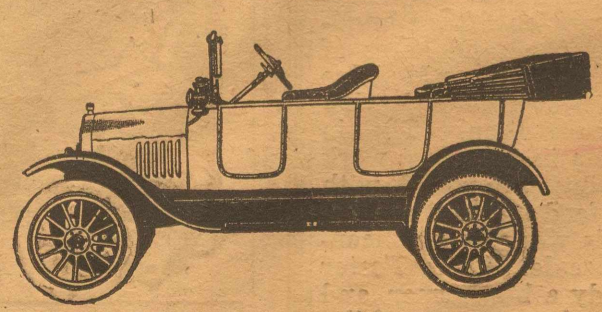
FARMERS OF DICKENS CO. HELP TO MEET SITUATION

Judge Walter L. Powell, of Dickens, passed through Spur Wednesday on his way to Austin to attend a convention for the purpose of organizing a "State Wide Food and Feed Campaign." The object of such an organization will be to promote the planting and production of the necessary food and feed crops in every part of the state to provide a required surplus to maintain large armies at home and also upon European soil. Heretofore, in this part of the state, farmers have been at a disadvantage in practicing diversified farming, to a great extent, in that markets were not available for everything that could be produced only the staple crops of the country being cared for in the home markets. However, at this time, the conditions and warring situation have made it necessary that every community furnish a market for every character of food and feed. The farmers of this country realize and appreciate the changed situation and will not hesitate to devote large acreages to every variety of food and feed, sure of being able to market everything grown at high prices. The idea, too, is growing toward more intensive cultivation as well as greater diversification. There is not enough land in cultivation throughout the land to produce what is required to feed and clothe the consumers, especially when cultivated in ship-shod methods, therefore, every farmer is responding to his duty in supplying the needs of the world by making every acre produce more than it has in the past. The people of this country are patriotic and can be depended upon to respond to the requirements of home and country and meet the demands of the times.

FINE WHEAT CROPS GROW IN DICKENS CO.

Rush McLaughlin, of the plains country near McAdoo, was in Spur Tuesday. He reports an inch and a quarter rain fell in the McAdoo country last Sunday. In that part of Dickens county a large acreage is now devoted to wheat which is now up in fine shape and promises a big yield. Two years ago H. C. Eldredge harvested forty two bushels of wheat to the acre from his crop. There is no richer and more productive soil in all of Texas than that of the plains section in Dickens county. That part of the county is also keeping in the procession of substantial development progress, there having been many new farms homes built and hundreds of acres of new land placed under cultivation during the past year.

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W. F. GODFREY, Salesman
Spur, Texas

Wood Cutting Prohibited On Spur Lands!

Notice is Hereby Given That Any Person Who Cuts Wood of Any Kind Whatever From Any of Our Lands Any Where Now or Hereafter will Be Prosecuted to the Fullest Extent of the Law Without Favor or Consideration

IN Some localities in past years, the lands have been shamefully cut over, regardless of our rights, and those of purchasers of land not occupied. Many otherwise honest men, have come to think that what others have done, without a penalty resulting, they can also do, and there is an increasing disposition to appropriate wood wherever it can be found, no matter to whom it belongs. This must and will be stopped. We must protect the people who have already bought Spur Lands, and those who will hereafter buy them, from this wood cutting.

Some people pretend to think there is no objection to it. This is, therefore, public notice that no one has our permission to cut, saw, grub, break down or gather wood of any kind whatever from our lands anywhere, and that prosecution will certainly follow trespassers hereafter without favor.

S. M. Swenson And Sons

CHAS. A. JONES, Manager.

SPUR, DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS.

Bill McArthur was here Monday from his home in the Tap country.

J. T. Whitaker, a leading citizen of north of Dickens, had business in Spur Wednesday.

C. C. Cobb came over from Dickens Wednesday and spent a few hours in Spur on business.

Jeff D. Harkey was in Spur Wednesday from Dickens, and spent several hours here on business and greeting his numerous friends.

J. E. Sparks came in Wednesday from Tap and spent an hour or two here on business and shaking hands with his numerous friends.

T. G. Bass, of the Dry Lake country, dropped into the Texas Spur office Monday and had the paper sent to John Bass of Heber Springs, Arkansas, and for which he has our thanks. Mr. Bass last year bought and improved a new place in the Dry Lake community. He is a good and substantial citizen.

W. J. Elliot came in Monday from his Spring Creek farm and ranch, spending several hours here on business and greeting friends. Bill Elliot is another of the "old timers" here, having been a citizen before the organization of the county. He is known and recognized as a man of the highest type.

J. M. Foster, of the Croton country, was in Spur recently. Mr. Foster and R. L. Collier secured a lease on fifteen hundred or two thousand acres of land on the plains near McAdoo and which they are now having placed in cultivation. They intend to help in the great work of supplying the world with food and feed off, and are beginning his work on no inconsiderable scale. Jim Foster was already a big farmer, and now he has become one of the most extensive farmers of this Western country. People of the great Spur country are big people and do things in a big way.

S. P. Odom, of five miles south of Spur, was in the city Wednesday.

E. L. Clay has been walking with a stick as the result of an injured ankle.

Mr. Abernathy, a prosperous farmer of four miles north of Spur, was in the city Saturday.

Mrs. W. F. Shugart, of eight miles east of Spur, was in the city Wednesday shopping with the merchants.

H. T. Garner, of the Prairie View Stock Farm, three miles northeast of Spur, was here Wednesday greeting friends.

D. Sellman, brother of John Sellman of the Spur ranch headquarters, recently came to Spur from Throckmorton and is now employed in the Spur blacksmith shop with G. A. Howsley.

John and Charley Dudley, of three miles north of Spur, are critically ill of pneumonia. These two young men came to this country the first of the year from Rule and had rented land on which to make a crop. As a result of being alone and in a helpless condition the W. O. W. Camp of Spur furnished them with necessary supplies and a nurse. We hope their illness will be of short duration.

W. A. Smith was in the city Wednesday from his farm home in the Red Mud country.

Hamp Collett, of four miles southwest of Spur, was among the number in the city Monday.

Mrs. L. A. Hindman, of four miles west of Spur, was in the city Wednesday shopping and visiting friends.

Ed Hufstедler, of the Dry Lake community, was in the city Wednesday marketing "home products" and greeting friends.

R. D. Shields, one of the leading merchants of Dickens, was in Spur Wednesday on business matters and shaking hands with friends.

G. A. Howsley left Spur Wednesday for Albany where he will spend a week or ten days with his family and also looking after business interests in that city.

J. H. Farmer, of four miles northeast of Spur, was in the city Wednesday. Recently Mr. Farmer had installed in his farm home a lighting system which furnishes light throughout his residence, barn, lots, etc. He is one among the most progressive farmers of the country.

Cephus Hogan made a business trip this week to the eastern part of the state where he spent several days.

Uncle Jimmie Jones, a leading citizen and one among the best men of the Afton country, was in Spur Wednesday greeting friends.

Mesdames Bert N. Brown and Ivan B. Brown were in the city Wednesday from their homes on the 24-Ranch in Kent county.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McNeill, of the Alamo Stock Farm twenty miles west of Spur, were in the city Wednesday shopping and visiting friends of Spur.

J. P. Gibson and family, who recently moved from the Steel Hill country to Dawson county, spent last week visiting friends at Steel Hill and also winding up his affairs in that section.

J. T. Lowery, of Albany, was in Spur the first of this week visiting his brother, C. W. Lowery, of the Red Front Drug Store. Mr. Lowery is engaged in the dry goods business at Albany and also has a store at Jayton. He contemplates putting in a stock of goods in Spur at an early date.

R. F. Rogers, of the Dry Lake country, was a recent visitor in the city.

Mrs. Mat Bingham, of near the city, was among the shoppers here Tuesday.

J. R. McArthur was here Monday from Tap, greeting friends and trading with Spur merchants.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Douglass were in the city Tuesday afternoon from their suburban home shopping with merchants and visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Copeland, of seven or eight miles east of Spur, were in the city Monday visiting their friends and shopping with the merchants.

Ben Hagins, another of the old timers and one among the most substantial citizens, was here on business the first of the week from his Duck Creek farm and ranch.

Mr. Middleton, a prominent citizen and farmer of near Dickens, was in Spur one day this week trading with the merchants and greeting his friends. He reports everything in the very finest shape throughout his part of the country at this time, having had an abundance of rain and crop conditions are now ideal.

Dick and Newt Cravey, two "batchelor" ranchmen and farmers of the Red Mud section of the country, were among the number in Spur Monday of this week. Dick is just now convalescing of the measles, and though slightly disfigured he says he is again "on the job." Both Dick and Newt are most promising young men, well fixed in this world's goods and among the hardest workers of the country. They have our heartfelt sympathy in that they remain "batchelors." As generous and able providers there are none better and marriageable young ladies of the country might find it to their advantage to give each of these gentlemen a deserved consideration.



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INTENSIVE CULTIVATION OF COTTON AS FOOD CROP

Dallas, Tex., May 5.—When the people of the South during the last days of the Civil War were subsisting largely on parched corn because they had no flour, thousands of tons of cotton seed that might have been utilized successfully in providing a wholesome food were rotting in the fields because the people of this country have heretofore been so plentifully supplied with breadstuffs made of wheat, corn, etc., they have been slow to discover the immense value of cotton seedmeal for this purpose, says the Texas Industrial Congress.

All that we need to do is to change our point of view and we shall find that cotton is not only valuable for making cloth, but it is also an important food supply. For this reason it is extremely unwise to advise the farmers of the South, as has been done lately, to actually plow up fields already planted in order to replant them in other crops.

Of all crops, cotton is best adapted to the climate and soil conditions of southern states. Such a thing as half a cotton crop is unknown. It is easily cultivated; produces its own fertilizer, which unfortunately, is too often not returned to the soil; the labor cost is low and requires no special skill, and practically all of it can be used without waste. It is an agricultural product, the market value of which is far below what it should be when compared with other food stuffs, and other available fertilizers for the production of greater crops. The time will come when ultimately all of the cottonseed meal of the South will be used for feeding livestock. Today we can turn to it with confidence as an extremely valuable source of food for mankind.

The lint is needed in tremendous quantities not only for providing cloth for the many uses of our civilian population, but also in making uniforms for our army and the tents they will require. Secretary Baker is said to have declared recently that there are not enough factories operating in producing army cloth to supply the soldiers we shall send to the front and it will be necessary to greatly increase the output of canvass for tent making.

From the linters we obtain material absolutely essential in manufacturing explosives used in warfare; from the cottonseed we obtain a splendid meal, rich in protein, and therefore useful as a meat substitute. One ounce of the meal is equivalent to two ounces of meat. Mixed with wheat flour in the proportion of four parts of flour to one of the cotton seed meal it produces a wholesome appetizing bread far more palatable than the war breads now in use in Europe.

A ton of cottonseed yields nearly 900 pounds of hulls, worth almost as much for livestock as the best hay; the hulls are utilized, too, as a fuel and the ashes afford an excellent fertilizer.

The oil from the cottonseed is now used in making lard com-

pounds, and can be substituted, if the Government will permit, in the manufacture of an oleomargarine fully as nutritious and as wholesome as much of the butter sold in the United States. The lower grades of oil are used also in the manufacture of soaps and the cake left after the oil has been extracted cannot be surpassed as a stockfood, and fertilizer.

This country needs cotton and its by-products, both for food and clothing, quite as bad as it needs any other agricultural product, and its intensive cultivation, therefore, should be urged upon the farmer. An increased cotton acreage may not be necessary but an increased yield per acre through continuous shallow cultivation during the growing season, and a more careful handling of the crop after its maturity, is certainly justified by present conditions.

Ralph McLaughlin was in Spur Tuesday from the plains country near McAadoo.

THIS COUNTRY PRODUCING FOOD AND FEED

Mat Howell came in Tuesday from his farm and ranch in the Red Mud country. He reports that an abundance of rain fell over that section and that no better crop prospects could be desired than now prevail over the country. The people of that section, as well as every section of the great Spur country, appreciate the warring conditions and are responding to the prevailing spirit of patriotism in producing an abundance of food and feed products and practicing intensive farming methods. This country can produce a big surplus of food and feed and the people are undivided in working to that end.

SACKS WANTED!

Burlap sacks wanted—leave the holes at home—good prices paid.—Farmers Wagon Yard, 26-4t.

FINE JACK AND HORSE

Black Mammoth Jack, 3 years old, 14 hands 2½ inches high, and Percheron Horse, 5 years old in June, weight 1,300. Will stand them at \$10.00 to insure.—W. R. Finch on Gipsion place. 24-3mo-2

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CHILD RUN OVER BY AN AUTO IN STAMFORD

Little Emily Larson, 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Larson, was instantly killed in front of the family residence in Stamford last Saturday afternoon about 5:30 o'clock, when a car driven by Miss Sula Belle Shell passed over the head of the little victim, crushing the skull.—Western Enterprise.

Firm Self and family and Mrs. C. R. Fellmy and children left Spur Monday for Lamesa and Brownfield where they will spend several days. Mr. Self is looking after his farming and ranching interests near Lamesa while Mrs. Fellmy and children will visit relatives at Brownfield.

HOME WOMEN MAY HELP COSERVE FOOD

Miss Mary Gearing, head of the department of Home Economics of the University of Texas, has been named as Publicity Chairman of the U. S. Army Food Service. In this connection she has addressed an appeal to the women of the state to help in the production and conservation of food.

In her first address to the public Miss Gearing recommends:

1. To eliminate all waste from the household by using the most abundant food stuffs as far as possible by preparing only such quantities of food as may be necessary for consumption, and by serving simple refreshments at all entertainments.

2. To begin the serving of war portions at all meals, serving no more upon the plate than will be eaten.

3. To make or purchase war bread, bread which has other cereals or foodstuffs substituted as far as possible for wheat flour.

4. To reduce the amount of fresh meat consumed in the home at least one-third, and not to purchase or use veal in any form, as the slaughter of the immature animal will further reduce the beef supply.

5. Not to purchase foods in large quantities with a view of holding them for future anticipation of scarcity or high prices as such hoarding will reduce the available food supply, and make prices highest for those who can least afford to pay them.

6. To urge national prohibition of the manufacture of alcoholic liquors during the war in order that the 600,000,000 bushels of grain used annually for this purpose may be available for food.

7. To further the conservation of all perishable food products, 1, by home preservation, 2, co-operation with qualified agencies working in the field for this purpose.

8. By co-operating with all those engaged in the teaching of the practical selection, preparation and serving of foods.

Maize for sale by A. W. Jordan. 28tf

Mrs. W. S. Campbell and little son, Spencer, left this week for Angleton where they will spend some time with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Andrews moved Wednesday into their new home just completed in the east part of the city. Their home is one of the neatest and most attractive cottages of the town.

Tol Merriman came in Tuesday from his ranch home south of Spur, spending an hour or two in the city on business and greeting his many friends here that day.



The Triumph in Soft Drinks

The best of cereals give Bevo its body and food value. Imported Saazer Hops give Bevo its tonic properties, and that inimitable and unvarying flavor.

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Note—Bevo should be served cold.



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CARD OF THANKS

We desire through the Texas Spur to express our most sincere and heartfelt thanks to our many friends and neighbors for their kind and generous assistance and expressions of sympathy to us in the death of our husband and father, W. M. Winkler, and also our appreciation of the beautiful floral offerings. These kindnesses and considerations will linger in our memory so long as life last.—Mrs. W. M. Winkler and children.

King Kennedy, of Dickens, was a recent visitor in Spur.

E. B. Shaw, one of the most prosperous farmers and stockraisers of the Croton country, was in Spur Wednesday buying supplies and greeting his numerous friends.

AUTO WRECKED

Prof. Cagle and wife and Prof. C. V. Hail, of Matador, were in an accident east of town Sunday afternoon that caused the wreck of a good Ford, but otherwise did little damage. Trouble with the steering apparatus caused the machine to hit a telephone post. None of the occupants were injured. The party were en route to Matador from Slaton, where Mr. Hall had recently been elected superintendent of schools. The damaged car was returned to Floydada for repair and J. B. Green hauled the Matadorans home.—Lockney Beacon.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. C. Brummett, of the Dry Lake country, were in Spur Thursday shopping and visiting friends.

MERRY WIVES

The Merry Wives were entertained by Mrs. Ned Hogan Friday afternoon. Five tables of guests enjoyed the interesting games of forty two, after which refreshments consisting of cream and angel-food cake were served to the following: Mesdames Baker, Cates, Forbis, Davis, Godfrey, Higginbotham, Manning, Smart, Neilon, White, Glasgow, Bates, Pierce, Love, C. A. Love, Jennings, C. Hogan, McClure, Wilson, Andrews, Moore, Edmonds and Miss Ruth Glasgow.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Koon and little daughter returned this week from Croton where they spent the past week with Mrs. Koon's mother, Mrs. W. M. Winkler and family.

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GOVERNMENT SHOULD FIX PRICES ON NECESSITIES

Everybody has assumed to lecture the farmer about his duties and how to perform them but there has been precious little done up to this writing to assure him what he most needs, and that is a stable and profitable market. A great many of the people who have never farmed think they know more about farming than the farmer, and as result he gets a lot of advice, good, bad and indifferent, but mostly indifferent. Many of those who handle his products have grown enormously rich but he has not done so. Many classes of our citizens have received pensions and bonuses and government protection, but he has never had government favor nor sought it. Others have their hours of labor which vary from 3 to 10, and their periods of recreation, of travel and of rest, but not the farmer. Were he to limit his hours of labor to eight hours the cost of production and the cost of living would advance at least 25 per cent. If he should strike the results would be famine and barbarism. He is an all day and every day, an all week and every week, an all month and every month proposition—not alone for him but for all the members of his family. He has never yet failed in his duty to society and his country, and he will not do so now. All he wants is a square deal, and assurance of a profitable market, and a little help from the banks—for which he is willing to pay the highest interest rates—and he will do the rest. However much he may desire to work without profit, he is not in a position to do so for he has not been able to provide a reserve for such a situation.

The announcement has been made that the government will not accept the very generous offer made by the packers, tendering their great plants and distributing agencies to government service and regulation. Their attitude and that of our other great business organizations in this hour of national peril is very commendable and is an inspiration to us all. This war will bring about a closer union of men and a better understanding, it will solve many of our social and industrial problems. If the government will administer or supervise the packing plants and markets it will create wide spread confidence and greatly stimulate the production of meat.

Personally I shall try to double my products of both meat and food products regard less of the action that the government may take. I have enlisted myself as a private in the "Army of the Commissary." I have recently acquired a large abandoned plantation in Mississippi and I intend to put it in feed stuff this year, which but for the necessity of my country I would not do because of the enormous expense of farming under high pressure. I shall breed my yearling heifers, which I do not ordinarily do, and shall keep and breed my old cows, which I usually sell. This involves risks of death loss and heavy feed bills which under normal conditions ought not to be taken. If there is a great increase in the production of food it will be at a greatly increased expense. The government should eliminate all of

the fear of loss from over production of food by fixing a minimum price. It is my hope and my expectation, the seasons being favorable, to produce 10,000 tons of hay, 2,000 tons of corn and oats, 2,000 tons of beef, pork and mutton and 300 tons of peas and potatoes.—A Farmer.

MAIZE MILL

Editor Texas Spur: I am glad to state the proposition to put in a mill in Spur to make flour from maize, kaffir and feterita meets favorable consideration as two of Spur's best citizens offer to take cash stock in a mill. On this point we are informed by Mr. Joe Perry that Egyptian wheat, which grows like sorghum and produces a grain like rice also makes a fine flour and bread as good as wheat, and that it grows to perfection in all of this Western country, making a ton or more per acre. It is also the finest of chicken and hog feed. A pound or two of this seed will plant an acre and it requires very little work. Hence, say four acres of this will bread a family for a year. Let all who can add a few acres of this to their maize crops, and by all means, we trust, the flour mill will be ready for the fall crops.—F. N. Oliver.

SPECULATORS HOLD EGGS

Chicago, April 24.—According to Herbert A. Emerson, who has been to the Pacific coast investigating food conditions for John J. Dillon, commissioner of the state of New York there are between 30,000,000 and 36,000,000 eggs on the tracks in Chicago held by speculators and operators who are holding them to keep up the price of eggs.

Mr. Emerson said he had no evidence of any "egg trust," but said he is sure there is a "mighty close understanding" between big dealers.

Within the year Mr. Emerson has been in Europe, investigating the food conditions there. He said Chicago is now paying higher prices for eggs and some other foods than London and Liverpool are.—Dallas Times-Herald.

MISS WARREN MARRIED TO ROARING SPRINGS MAN

Miss Maggie Warren, formerly a teacher in the Floydada public school, was married last Thursday morning at nine o'clock to Mr. H. W. Keahey, of the same city. The nuptial ceremony was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Keahey. They will continue to make Roaring Springs their home.—Lockney Beacon.

Miss Mamie Harper visited relatives and friends Monday and Tuesday in Matador.

R. R. Johns and J. H. Biggs returned Wednesday from Ft. Worth where they attended the ginner's convention. They report having had a great time and treated in a royal manner by Fort Worth people. They also went to that city for the purpose of making arrangements to buy machinery to put in another gin in Spur and state that their mission in this respect was successful.

THE FARMER'S DUTY

President Wilson has asked the farmers of the South to produce more food and feed. Why has he seen fit to address a special appeal to us? Why has the Department of Agriculture sent the Assistant of Agriculture to us to plead with us to produce what we need? It is because we have been sending many millions of dollars North each year to purchase meats, cheese, etc., that we could produce here cheaper than it is produced there. It is because the Government knows that it will take all the surplus produce of the North to feed the soldier.

Regardless of how you feel about it we are in war. There will be some 2,000,000 non-producers to be fed. We must win. No battle nor war was ever won by hungry soldiers. No nation was ever successful in war or peace that was unable to properly feed and clothe her people. We have thousands upon thousands of people in the Northern Cities today who are hungry. Whether or not they will spread to the Southland depends upon you.

In the North seed is scarce, labor is a vital problem. The Chicago schools dismissed all the boys above the sixth grade. These boys and boys from other Cities are being distributed all over the Northern States to work on farms. They are receiving from \$25.00 to \$35.00 per month. Chicago has raised \$50,000.00 for a garden campaign in the City.

Meat is higher than ever before. When peace is declared we must stock Europe with breeding animals. Meat, dairy and poultry products will go higher.

If peace was declared today the world would need all the food and feed we could produce in two years. There is a world-wide scarcity of the products necessary to sustain life. You will make no mistake in producing the articles that the world must have; you will make a mistake in producing those it can do without.

We have expected all from our government and have given but little in return. UNCLE SAM is asking but little of you now, the Government has asked you to produce food and feed for yourself and family's need and a surplus to help feed the army. Are you a slacker? If not, help in this great CRISIS. "By their fruits ye shall know them."

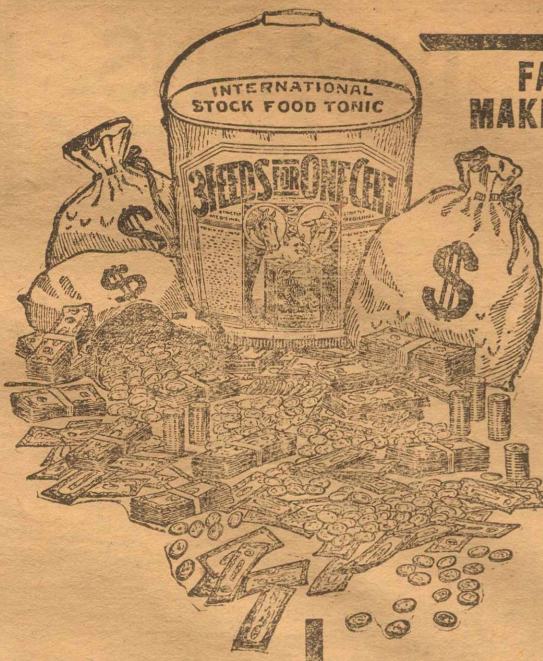
If this office can assist you, write us. A. K. Short, Agricultural Agent, F. W. & D. C. and W. V. Rys. Wichita Falls, Texas.

Miss Brummett, of near Spur, was in the city Thursday of this week shopping with merchants.

W. C. Pressley and wife were in Spur Thursday visiting their friends and shopping with the Spur merchants.

Mrs. E. L. Clemmons has been quite sick this week at the home of her son, S. T. Clemmons.

R. L. Young and son, Bill Young, of Rotan, passed through Spur Thursday afternoon of this week on their way to Crosbyton and Ralls where they will spend several days on business.



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DRY LAKE ITEMS

Gee! Who said it didn't snow yesterday. May 6th.

W. A. Johnson and son, John returned last week from a visit to Oklahoma. Mr. Johnson's mother returning with them.

Mrs. Bob Davis is reported quite sick of rheumatism.

Rev. Bilberry, wife and daughter, Naomi, visited Mr. Kidd and family this week.

We have no doubt but what Mrs. Dopson would make a Red Cross nurse for she had nerve enough to catch a pole-cat and hold it until a gun could be secured. We don't blame her for trying to save those high priced chickens.

Miss Brummett is visiting her brother, Prof. H. A. C. Brummett, this week.

The rain of this week was appreciated very much. Farmers can break sod and plant feed. But the frost of Tuesday morning was not appreciated very much, however, the gardens are not hurt and we all feel better.

WESTERN KID.

WAGNER-WRIGHT DUO.

One of the best attractions of the season was given by the Wagner-Wright Duo under the auspices of the ladies of the Methodist Church last Tuesday evening at the Gem Theatre. Miss Wagner, reader and impersonator, and Miss Wright, vocalist, whistler and pianist, held the audience with pleasure and admiration during the entire evening, with their various interesting features. Miss Wagner gave every style of impersonation from child-narrative to tragedy. Her humorous readings were especially good. Miss Wright, as an accompanist and vocalist, was unusually good, and as a whistler she excited the wonder of all. She also played two guitar solos, portraying unusual ability. The costume and character sketches of both young ladies were cleverly introduced. The entire program was elevating, and the people of Spur owe much to the Methodist ladies for securing the Wagner-Wright Duo.

Mr. Reese, of the Tap section of country, was in the city Thursday.

GILPIN

Messrs. L. W. Bilberry, W. B. Bennett and Chas. Brooks attended the Fifth Sunday meeting at Roaring Springs.

Messrs. P. E. Hagins, L. L. Arnold and D. G. Simmons made a trip to Dickens Monday.

Rev. W. B. Bennett made a trip to Jones county week before last.

Mrs. Earl Hagins is spending the week with his parents, Hon. A. J. Hagins and wife.

Mrs. P. T. Bilberry, who was quite sick is recovering.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Hagins went fishing in the Wilson tank last week.

Hon. A. J. Hagins and family of near Jayton, visited Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bennett last week.

Messrs. L. W. Bilberry and W. B. Bennett attended the W. O. W. supper at Spur Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Ragsdale, of near Dickens, and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Bennett visited Mr. and Mrs. Kelly McAllister, of near Jayton, week before last.

We learn that P. E. Hagins has traded his Studebaker for a Glider and is well pleased with his bargain.

Not discouraged by the prevailing dry weather, farmers are planting both cotton and maize and we hope that the light rain which fell here Saturday night and Sunday will bring it up.

It is pretty discouraging to polish the heater and put it away for the summer, and then be obliged to put it up again and sit around it for several days, and this the "merry month of May," but that is just what some of the Gilpin folks had to do the last norther.

Our school will close next Friday and we are sorry of it. We wish it would go on the rest of the year.

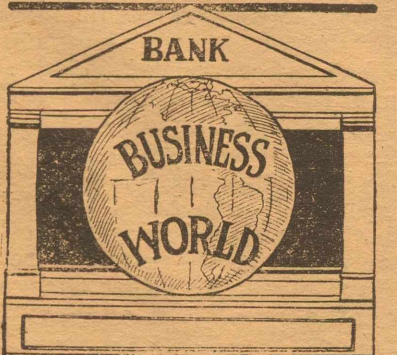
The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Hagins has been sick but is reported better at this writing.

The closing exercises of the Duck Creek school will be held next Monday night. Everyone is invited.

Well, Mr. Editor, this war is becoming a serious thing at our house, for ever since President Wilson made that stirring speech to the women, mother has been trying to teach us not to waste a scrap of anything to eat, and Oh! My!, at the bread fritters, rice croquettes, meatless soup and hash, and so forth that we have been compelled to learn how to cook, besides all the vicious war talk we are obliged to hear all the time. Now if we fail to pass who can blame us? Father wants to go fight the Germans, and mother cries every day because she is afraid he might have to go, and I wish there never would be another war, not even this one.

Well there is more news yet but it is time to go to school. SCHOOL GIRL.

Mr. and Mrs. Robertson, of the Pressley ranch east of Spur, were in the city Thursday of this week trading with the merchants and greeting friends.



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The Program at present is as follows:

Every Monday:—We have a Star Production in 5 acts, comprised of the Turner, Holmes, Kob and Dill and Russel Productions, giving you a change of actors every Monday of the best that money can buy.

On Tuesday:—**The Girl and The Game**, featuring Helen Holmes, one of the best and most daring actors ever seen in the movies. Following the Girl and Game will come Helen Holmes in "The Lass of the Lumberland" dealing with a big lumber trust.

Wednesday:—A good mixed four reel program.

Thursday:—"Perils of Our Girl Reporters," a complete story every night.

Friday:—"The Mutual Master Picture," you know they are all good ones.

Saturday:—"The Vampires" a line of detective work dealing with a band of thieves in Paris, American played.

Don't be afraid to come and see this program. Let the children come, and tell the manager what you think of it, good or bad—that is what he is anxious to find out. We want to handle high-class stuff, but can't handle same without the patronage of the people of Spur and surrounding country—the same as all business men require.

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THIS company is composed of a mixed quartet and a piano accompanist and presents a full concert program in the afternoon and scenes from the popular opera "Mikado" in costume at night on the opening day of the Chautauqua. This is an "all professional" company, and its presentations will prove one of the most enjoyable events of the whole season's music.

COWBOY ON THE WHITE RANCH HAS ARM BROKEN

Mr. Taylor, of the White & Swearingen ranch, had one of his arms broken Monday while roping a steer. His horse was thrown, falling on Mr. Taylor with the above result. Dr. Morris was called and set the broken arm, and Mr. Taylor is now reported doing nicely.

HAZEL BROWN.



Miss Brown, contralto, is a woman of splendid presence, admirably suited to the part of Katisha in "Mikado," being naturally of a dramatic temperament. Her voice is glorious, rich and full, and has an appealing quality that wins friends and applause instantly. She is with the Hinshaw Conservatory Party on the first day of the Chautauqua.

ANOTHER FINE RAIN FELL HERE THURSDAY

Thursday afternoon one of the finest rains of the season fell in Spur and throughout this entire section of the country, the rainfall in Spur amounting to .96 inches.

The entire Spur country now has an ideal season in the ground and prospects for bumper crops of all kinds.

While many farmers have already planted crops, general planting will now be the order of the day, and every farmer recognizes and appreciates the necessity of producing "food and feed stuff."

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. C. Brummett, of the Dry Lake country, were in Spur Thursday shopping and visiting friends.

Mrs. W. S. Campbell and little son, Spencer, left this week for Angleton where they will spend some time with her parents.

Tol Merriman came in Tuesday from his ranch home south of Spur, spending an hour or two in the city on business and greeting his many friends here that day.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Koon and little daughter returned this week from Croton where they spent the past week with Mrs. Koon's mother, Mrs. W. M. Winkler and family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Andrews moved Wednesday into their new home just completed in the east part of the city. Their home is one of the neatest and most attractive cottages of the town.

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Mrs. High possesses a mezzo-soprano voice of unusual tone quality. Her singing is always a source of pleasure to music loving people. Her songs catch the heart of her audience and win well deserved applause. She is the soloist of the Lone Star Ladies' Trio and will appear on the second day of the Chautauqua program.

FARMERS HOLD MEETING AT SOLDIER MOUND

A meeting of farmers was held Friday night at the Soldier Mound school house and attended by practically every farmer of that section for the purpose of discussing the proposition of planting more food and feed stuff this year.

Similar meetings have been held in the various communities during the past several weeks, and the country in general is responding to the necessities of the times in planting crops of food and feed.

HELEN LEILA BLOSE.



Miss Blose, with the Lone Star Ladies' Trio, is an accomplished pianist. Miss Blose will be a great inspiration to the younger musicians, as she portrays in her remarkable ability the success to be obtained by application and hard work.

FEROL ONNOLEE LEGGETT.



Miss Leggett has won an enviable place among the leading operatic singers and will appear as the soprano of the Hinshaw Conservatory Party. The company is fortunate in having such a splendid voice for its foundation.

A meeting will be held Friday night of this week at Afton for the purpose of discussing the proposition of planting larger crops of food and feed stuff this year, and every farmer and citizen of that section is urged to attend. There is a shortage of these crops and stuff will find a ready market at high prices this fall.

"Plant more feed and food" is the slogan of the times, and the people of this country are any character of food or feed exhibiting their "patriotism" by devoting the principal part of their farms to growing these crops.

BREAD.

Through the courtesy of Mr. Frank L. Craddock, of Fort Worth, the Billikin shoe salesman, we reproduce the following article on "bread."

There are three great arms of war—Men, Munitions and Bread—and the greatest of these is bread.

American bread may be the means of establishing democracy for the world. No army can exist without food. No nation can keep peace at home if its citizens are tortured with an empty stomach, and it is up to America this moment to feed the battling forces of freedom. Many soldiers must tramp the treacherous windings of the trenches and fight the battles there, but the great army of planters who have tramped the monotonous trenches of the corn row, have fought nature on the fair plains of the wheat field, have charged the armies of potato bugs, and fought under the banner of King Cotton, are the ones who must furnish munitions to the hungry and furnish fuel for human fire. This great army of out-of-door fighters has been making preparations for generations and when the pinch comes they are "prepared." For years they have been "drilling" the corn, teaching the young wheat how to "shoot," digging "trenches" to combat "belligerent" waters, making war on the "army" worm, eliminating all useless volunteers, and with the local merchants assistance "charging" for years at a time.

This great body of farmers is the only army that has trained every year since Adam walked out of the garden of Eden, and must forever train until the last sunset of time. But they also need an army of volunteer helpers. More than thirty million producers are not producing. While the allies fight for liberty they look to us to furnish bread, and America's food crop this year may determine the destiny of the future. The rains and the sunshine will come, the seasons will send their share, but only the weeds will grow for the sluggard, and only grass for the shiftless greaser.

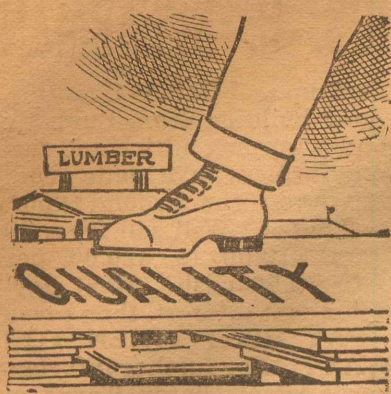
The man who will not fight for his flag is a slacker, but the man who will not work is slacker than the slackest slacker.

Talk food, dream food, raise food and the world will soon see a new day of freedom.

"Food for Freedom" should be the "battle cry" of the American farmer, and every citizen of America should be one of his "allies" by planting a garden spot.

Sheriff Collier came over from Dickens and spent several days in Spur looking after official duties.

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J. C. Stephens, of east of the city, was in Spur Tuesday.

J. M. Aston, of several miles north of Spur, was here Wednesday.

M. S. Faver, of several miles east of Afton, was in Spur Wednesday of this week.

Tom McArthur came to Spur Monday from Tap, spending the day here on business.

Attorneys W. D. Wilson and B. D. Glasgow attended District court this week at Matador.

W. F. Cathey, of several miles west of Spur, was among the business visitors here last Wednesday.

Mrs. Will Watson, of nine miles west of Spur, was among the many shoppers and visitors in the city Monday.

John Weathers came in Wednesday from the Red Mud Camp and hauled out supplies for his farm and ranch.

Mrs. A. B. Williams returned Tuesday from an extended visit to relatives at Waxahatchie, Peacock and other points to the east.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Gray and children are on an extended visit with his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wright, of near Lubbock.

Jesse Fletcher, of seven miles east of Spur, came in Wednesday and spent a few hours in the city trading and looking after other affairs.

J. J. Rogers came in Tuesday from his farm and ranch on Cat Fish west of Spur, spending a few hours here purchasing supplies and meeting his numerous friends.

W. R. Finch, of Steel Hill, was in the city Wednesday.

S. R. Bowman and wife, of three miles north of Spur, were in the city Wednesday.

W. T. Wilson, of five or six miles east of Spur, was in the city the first of the week.

J. C. Weir, of near Spur, was in the city Wednesday trading and looking after other affairs.

Mrs. J. H. Busby returned last week from an extended visit to relatives and friends at Lueders.

J. M. Jones, a leading citizen and one of the best men of the Afton country, was in Spur Saturday.

Miss Beatrice Lanier, of Aspermont, was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Springer last week.

Al Sullivan, of the Duck Creek country, was in Spur Tuesday. He reports the rain abundant in that section and crop prospects good.

Jim Sample left last week for Stamford and other points where he will spend some time with friends and relatives and on other missions.

W. M. Randall was in Spur Monday from the Steel Hill section of country, reporting "everything lovely since the rains." Mr. Randall is one of the old timers here. He never gets anxious concerning the weather but knows that the rains will come, abundant crops be harvested, and "everything works for good to those who do their part." It is such men as W. M. Randall who paved the way for the present day development of this country. All honor to them.

A Fry, a leading citizen and ranchman of the Cat Fish country west of Spur, had business in Spur Tuesday. He also reported a good rain, grass growing and cattle fattening.

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Mrs. W. P. Sampson is spending the week in Roaring Springs with her daughter and family.

W. W. Sample, of the Spot Cash Grocery, made a business trip up into the Afton country the first of the week.

Earl Harkey, a most congenial young gentleman of Dickens was one of the number of business visitors in Spur this week.

Mrs. W. O. Smith and children are spending some time with her parents and other relatives in the eastern part of the state.

G. W. Dodson, of near Afton, called at the Texas Spur office Monday and dropped two big silver dollars in our subscription till, and which we duly appreciated. Mr. Dodson held a number of bales of cotton from last year's crop until recently selling at a price of between seventeen and eighteen cents, and considering that since the cotton was classed as "bollies" he received a good price. Geo. Dodson is a good citizen as well as a successful and prosperous farmer. In fact, all of the Dodsons are among the best people of West Texas. We are glad to know them and number them as our friends.

For Sale—10, geese, price \$1 each. See W. J. Hunter, Spur. 28-4f.

J. A. Smith, of near Spur, was among the number in the city Tuesday.

A good double Spaulding buggy to sell at a bargain. Call at Texas Spur office.

G. S. Link and wife left Tuesday for Stamford on business and to visit friends.

Bob Cathey, District Deputy Grand Master of the Masonic Lodge, Joe Pierce, Emery and Lawrence Green, and Messrs. Ward and Kennedy, of Jayton, attended the regular Masonic Lodge meeting in Spur Thursday night. At the conclusion of the lodge meeting the membership and visitors repaired to a popular hostelry for refreshments, the occasion being most pleasant and enjoyable to all.

T. E. Leckie, of Matador, passed through Spur Tuesday on his way to Girard on business. While in Spur he was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office, reporting that the rainfall was heavier to the north of Spur, amounting to almost three inches in Motley and Cottle counties. The rain was general throughout this part of the state and crop conditions are now most promising in every county and locality.

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THE SATISFACTION STORE

FARMERS ARE ADVANCING AND PROGRESSING

It was not until recent years that the tiller of the soil in the United States came to be regarded, by people residing in the cities, and even by those living in inconspicuous towns and villages, as an independent and prosperous member of the body of politic. But a great change has been wrought in the rural districts, particularly in the more recent developed sections of the Central West and South. From almost a hand-to-mouth existence the more progressive farmers, at least, have risen above their former circumstances to a condition which, not many years ago, would have been regarded as affluent. This altered status is attributed to no single cause. It has come gradually, for there are few Eldorados in the farming world. But it has come just as certainly, nevertheless, and apparently it has come to stay, unless, through the connivance of middlemen and the speculators, the producer is defrauded of his just dues.

The causes making directly for the greater prosperity of the farmer can readily be enumerated. In the first place, a changed ratio of producers and consumers has gradually come into the economic problem. The predominance of consumers over producers is probably the greatest now than ever before. This is one of the several factors entering into the present high-cost problem. Another contributor to the farmer's prosperity is the ascertained knowledge regarding soils and crops, and the consequent ability to produce larger crops at a minimum outlay, and with comparatively little probability of failure or loss. Still another factor is the steady increase in land values. This gain has enabled many farmers, some of whom were in debt, to dispose of portions of their land for a sum greater than their entire tracts were formerly supposed to be worth. One more, and a highly important factor, is the great advance in livestock prices. Cattle, swine and sheep

now bring prices unheard of heretofore.

As a result of these changes the fairly intelligent and industrious farmer is, it is safe to say, in comfortable, if not affluent, circumstances. He rides in his own automobile, attends lectures, and joins in other educational and social activities in the village, perhaps a dozen miles from the farm. He has a telephone which enables him to keep in touch with the markets, and he has a daily mail service. Moreover, the piano has displaced the antiquated reed organ in the farmhouse, and the "front room," instead of remaining closed, except on notable occasions, is actually used for social purposes.

But, with all these improvements, the farmers' problem is not yet solved. Even with the prices of most of his products at high levels, he derives a very small share of the profits represented by the difference between the price at the farm and that paid by the consumer. Speculation, in one form or another, the monopolization of a given commodity, and the arbitrary fixing of commercial values, have served, and are serving, to make marketing conditions precarious. It is now proposed, and wisely, as an immediate measure, that the government shall step in and guarantee to the farmer a minimum price for his staple crops. With a fair price officially fixed, there would be an incentive to far greater production. There is, among producers, a too common belief that the way to keep the price of a commodity up is by keeping the amount of production down. With the possible unfavorable results of overproduction eliminated, and with a certain knowledge of a minimum selling value, the industry would become at once stabilized. The farmer would know he was running no risk in hiring help and buying machinery; that, with the production of a given tonnage of a particular crop, he would receive, at the lowest calculation, a commensurate sum in cash.

With the government in control of the marketing, the price

to dealers would be regulated on a just and equitable basis. As for the consumer, after the experience he has undergone in recent months, he would heartily welcome the inauguration of such a plan. In view of the situation confronting the nation, the government, by the authority of Congress, should take the steps necessary to this end at once, while the planting season is at hand.—Christian Science Monitor.

CONCERNING THE CHAUTAUQUA, MAY 12, 14, 15

In an interview with Mr. W. C. Dillon, advance man for the Chautauqua to be held here May 12-14-15, we find we are to receive a higher grade of talent than we had expected, although we knew we were to receive the best. With the Hinshaw Conservatory Party of five people, who open the first day, they have Mr. Kinnard Barradell, one of the best tenors of Chicago, in fact, a concert singer that the public pays 1.50 per ticket to hear during the winter season. The contralto is one of the best known sacred singers before the public, having made her reputation with over five hundred voices back of her in sacred operas. The baritone has been singing the leads in operas for the past eight years and the soprano was selected especially for the part of Yum-Yum in "The Mikado" which is presented at night and which is really the "Peck's Bad Boy" of the musical comedies.

The second day Mr. and Mrs. Gale present a Japanese entertainment in the afternoon and an Indian entertainment at night. The Gales have the greatest collection of Indian musical instruments in America outside of Washington, D. C., and a great many of the instruments at Washington were collected by Mr. Gale while he was in the government service. They have appeared before every college of the United States of any importance, and have spent over \$50,000 in travel and in purchasing articles for the Indians and Japanese. The superintendent also lectures after noon and night of the second day's program.

The third day Dr. H. W. Sears, known throughout the United States as one of the greatest humorous lecturers, will lecture afternoon and night. Mr. Dillon assures us if Dr., or "Dad Sears", as he is known, does not put the crowd on the "high gear", it will be because they have been drinking undertaker's varnish.

There is also a reader, a vocalist and a pianist the third day, the pianist being one of the few ladies in America today with the degree of Dr. of Music which she received in Europe.

The public will really receive eight dollars worth of talent for their season ticket, costing \$1.50, due to the fact that a great number of towns are co-operating with each other in securing this talent.

DISTRICT COURT IN SESSION NOW AT MATADOR

District Court convened at Matador Monday with Judge Milam presiding and District Attorney Bell prosecuting.

During this week the civil docket was taken up and several suits tried. Next Monday the criminal docket will be taken up, and on this docket are a number of cases, some of the number having been transferred from Dickens county.

County Farm Agent G. L. Crawford, of Dickens, was in Spur Thursday of this week and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Crawford is here to assist farmers in producing the best crops on the least acreage, and his services are freely given to an individual farmer making his wants known.

170,000 ACRES, THOS. C. SPEARMAN

Lands Located in Terry, Yoakum and Gaines Counties. The Santa Fe Rail Road is now building from Lubbock to Blythe, in Gaines county and is tapping a Rich and fertile section where already many farmers have made good. Act now; get first choice; get in on the ground floor. **Shallow Water and Cat Claw Lands.** Will sell from 80 acres to a section. Prices from \$10.00 to \$20.00 per acre, patented basis. \$2.00 to \$2.50 cash. **Next payment due Dec. 1st, 1919 at 6 per cent interest, then seven notes in seven years. WHY PAY RENT WHEN YOU CAN BUY LAND THIS WAY?** For further information, write H. T. McGee, General Agent, Slaton, Texas, or

JINK PENNY, ROARING SPRINGS, TEX.
EXCLUSIVE AGENT MOTLEY AND DICKENS COUNTIES

THE HIGHWAY GARAGE MAKING IMPROVEMENTS

An extension of the Highway Garage has just been completed, thus giving this popular place more room and better facilities for caring for the automobile traffic. New machinery and other equipments have also been added recently, making the Highway Garage one of the best equipped garages in this western country in caring for the trade in every detail. Under the management of E. F. Hall the patrons are accorded not only the most courteous treatment but are offered the services of expert mechanics in combination with a well equipped garage in mechanical details, conveniences of storage, filling and repairs of every character. The traveling public over the Fort Worth-Roswell Highway will recognize and appreciate the superior advantage offered in Spur in garage facilities.

THE ADVANTAGES OF DIVERSIFIED FARMING

A. W. Jordan, one of the most extensive and most prosperous farmers of the Steel Hill country, was among the many business visitors in the city Tuesday. Mr. Jordan each year markets a hundred or two hundred bales of cotton and always has enough feed to care for his stock and a surplus to sell to those who fail to recognize the advantages of diversified farming.

Raldo Newman was in the city Thursday from his ranch east of Spur.

N. B. Fuqua and daughter, of Red Mud, were in Spur trading with the merchants Thursday of this week.

B. G. Ford, of the Draper country, was in Spur the first of the week trading with merchants and greeting his friends and former associates of Spur. Mr. Ford is farming this year, having recently bought a quarter section of land. We wish him much prosperity in the business of farming.

W. J. Elliot came in Monday from his Spring Creek farm and ranch, spending several hours here on business and greeting friends. Bill Elliot is another of the "old timers" here, having been a citizen before the organization of the county. He is known and recognized as a man of the highest type.

GROWING FEED AND FOOD AND A SURPLUS

W. F. Foreman, of seven miles north of Spur, was in the city the latter part of last week trading and meeting his numerous friends. He is this year cultivating a big crop, the greater portion of which is devoted to feed and food stuffs. He also has a number of hogs in his lot and from which he will have a surplus of meat to sell.

R. R. Wooten, of the plains country near McAdoo, was among the visitors in Spur Wednesday.

E. J. Cowan left Thursday afternoon for Wichita Falls to spend a day or two on business.

Mrs. Perry Fite and baby and Dorothy Lee left this week to visit relatives at Cisco where they will spend several weeks or longer.

George King, of Steel Hill, was in Spur Thursday afternoon of this week greeting his friends and trading with the merchants of the city.

T. S. Lambert, of the Tap section of the country, came in Thursday afternoon of this week and spent an hour or two here trading and greeting his numerous friends.

Marshall Hazlewood has recovered a lot of rubber auto tubes, supposed to have been stolen, and which can be seen for identification at Esquire Oliver's office.

T. H. Tallant and J. R. Hill, of a few miles southeast of the city, returned Monday from a trip into New Mexico where they spent several days prospecting. They report good rains throughout the territory covered.

J. W. Baker and two children returned Wednesday from Fort Worth where he attended the ginners convention. He reports having had a very pleasant trip and an enjoyable convention.

T. E. Leckie, of Matador, passed through Spur Tuesday on his way to Girard on business. While in Spur he was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office, reporting that the rainfall was heavier to the north of Spur, amounting to almost three inches in Motley and Cottle counties. The rain was general throughout this part of the state and crop conditions are now most promising in every county and locality.

Citizens Garage & Machine Shop

P. A. RAMSEY & SON, Props.

We have bought the Citizens Garage and are now installing a new OXY-ACETYLENE WELDING Machine and other equipments necessary for a first-class garage and machine shop.

We make a specialty of repairing electrical starters and every job turned out is Guaranteed to give Perfect Satisfaction.

If Your Car NEEDS REPAIRING Bring It To US

BATTERY SERVICE

Has been a great need of Spur since the modern equipment of automobiles but there has not been enough cars in this community to justify a service of this kind until recently. So, depending upon the patronage of the car owners of this country, I AM PREPARED TO REPAIR AND RECHARGE any kind of battery for your car's equipment.

For Your Patronage I Will Give You BATTERY SERVICE EQUAL TO ANY IN THE STATE.

Call and See Me.

HERBERT G. IRWIN
At the DUNN BUILDING